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Alderman Robert J. Bauman
City Hall, Room 205
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Alderman Bauman:

We share many of your concerns about the West Samaria rooming house. As I understand, the Board of Zoning Appeals for the City of Milwaukee allowed the house to stay open because of concerns about where the current residents would live if the doors were closed. Without a viable alternative, many would be without a home.

Your latest press release suggests that Milwaukee County acquire ownership of the West Samaria property. Since this is a question of housing, I suggest that the real level of government to assume control of this housing is the Public Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee.

Milwaukee County does not and has not provided housing services in the community. The Public Housing Authority, however, is very well equipped to take over ownership of this rooming house. I suggest that you contact Executive Director Tony Perez and the seven commissioners (two of whom are your colleagues) of the Public Housing Authority.

Sincerely,

Scott Walker
Milwaukee County Executive

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